

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-4, 10-11, 13 and 17.

Please cancel claims 43-58 without prejudice to filing a divisional application.

Please add new claims 59-65.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A travel and credit card data management method for use with ~~multiple real time corporate~~ travel electronic data and credit card electronic data from multiple real time electronic data sources and involving multiple business units each having and multiple travelers incurring one or more travel expenses on one or more trips, ~~for use with travelers, management, and suppliers of particular business units~~, comprising the steps of:

receiving the travel electronic data and the credit card electronic data in real time from the multiple electronic data sources with a computer processor;

matching in real time the credit card electronic data to the travel electronic data for each of the trips taken by each of the travelers;

consolidating in real time the travel electronic data and the credit card electronic data from the sources with said processor;

determining in real time a variance for each of said matched credit card electronic data and travel electronic data for each of the trips taken by each of the travelers, including a first variance for a first trip taken by a first traveler of a first business unit for which a first travel expense is incurred, wherein said first business unit has multiple travelers incurring multiple travel expenses;

identifying in real time a portion of the consolidated electronic data that a user is entitled to receive; and

supplying in real time said portion of consolidated data to said user with said processor;

wherein said step of supplying includes including supplying a first analysis of travel spending for said first trip including said first travel expense and said first variance while

simultaneously supplying a second analysis of all of said travel expenses for all of said travelers of said first business unit.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein the steps of consolidating and supplying occur substantially simultaneously~~ further comprising the step of:

initiating a travel booking process by said first traveler for said first trip between a first location and a second location that includes said first travel expense received by said computer processor;

wherein said first analysis is provided in real time by said computer processor to said user immediately after said step of initiating.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 ~~[[1]]~~, ~~wherein said portion of said consolidated electronic data further includes data for travel issues~~ further comprising the steps of:

comparing in real time said first travel expense with a first travel expense criteria with said computer processor; and

displaying said comparison in real time on a computer screen with said computer processor immediately after said step of initiating.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3 ~~[[1]]~~, ~~wherein said portion of said consolidated electronic data further includes data for contract/audit issues~~ further comprising the steps of:

comparing in real time all of said travel expenses for all of said travelers of said first business unit with a second travel expense criteria with said computer processor; and

displaying said comparison of all of said travel expenses for all of said travelers of said first business unit with said second travel expense criteria in real time on a computer screen with said computer processor immediately after said step of initiating.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said sources include one or more corporate card providers, travel agency service providers, and ancillary travel service providers.

6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein service providers include travel agency booking offices.

7. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein corporate card providers include corporate card data sources.

8. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein service providers include online booking sources.

9. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein ancillary travel services include at least one of ground transportation services, security specialists, and travel benchmarking information.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said steps of consolidating and receiving are done ~~substantially~~ simultaneously.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein said step of supplying occurring ~~substantially~~ simultaneously with said steps of consolidating and receiving.

12. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said supplying is performed through a display available to at least one of the business units.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying is through a display in having multiple formats that are configured to be manipulated.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying indicates the travelers who have potentially deviated from a policy of a business unit.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying of consolidated data includes pricing errors.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying indicates any traveler who has deviated from the planned itinerary of the traveler.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said analysis is configured to be used in a step of supplying enhances travel budget plan planning.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein said step of supplying identifies at least one of new destinations, pretravel approvals, policy exceptions of all travelers, real time tracking of expenditures, requirements for supplier contracts and analysis relative to the current travel, performance measurement, and individual information of a specific traveler.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said supplying is performed through one or more computer networks formed by at least one business unit and at least some of each of the travelers, management and suppliers, and wherein the suppliers include credit card companies.

20. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying includes the step of sorting the data.

21. (original) The method of claim 20, wherein said step of supplying includes the step of aggregating the data.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of supplying includes determining rights to review the data.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

calculating real time metrics from said consolidated electronic data.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
initiating travel transactions.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said step of initiating
travel of transactions originates from a display unit used for said step of supplying.

26. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the suppliers include at least one of
any GDSs, travel agencies, credit card companies, and alternate travel data sources.

27.-58. (cancelled)

59. (new) A travel and credit card data management method for use with multiple
real time travel and credit card electronic data sources, comprising the steps of:

receiving travel and credit card electronic data in real time from the multiple electronic
data sources with a computer processor;

consolidating in real time said electronic data from the multiple electronic data sources
with said computer processor;

initiating a travel booking process by a traveler for travel between a first location and a
second location that includes a travel expense received by said computer processor;

comparing in real time said travel expense with a travel expense criteria with said
computer processor; and

displaying said comparison in real time on a computer screen with said computer
processor immediately after the step of initiating.

60. (new) The method of claim 59, further comprising the step of:
supplying said comparison in real time with said computer processor immediately after
the step of initiating.

61. (new) The method of claim 60, further comprising the step of:
completing said travel booking process by said traveler after the steps of displaying and supplying.

62. (new) A travel and credit card data management method for use with multiple real time travel and credit card electronic data sources, comprising the steps of:

receiving travel and credit card electronic data in real time from the multiple electronic data sources with a computer processor;

consolidating in real time the electronic data from the multiple electronic data sources with said computer processor;

incurring a travel expense by a traveler in route between a first location and a second location that is received by said computer processor;

comparing said travel expense with a predetermined travel expense criteria in real time with said computer processor; and

supplying said comparison in real time to a user with said computer processor while said traveler is in route between said first location and said second location.

63. (new) The method of claim 62, further comprising the steps of:

providing an itinerary for said traveler to said computer processor before said traveler is in route between said first location and said second location;

identifying a change in said itinerary in real time with said computer processor using said travel expense and said itinerary while said traveler is in route between said first location and said second location; and

displaying said change in itinerary in real time with said computer processor while said traveler is in route between said first location and said second location.

64. (new) The method of claim 2, wherein said first analysis is on a by trip basis.
65. (new) The method of claim 2, wherein said first analysis is on a summary basis.